

## **New Model for Community Justice**

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### **National Event: Working in Partnership to Improve Community Justice Outcomes**

The Community Justice National Event was held at Pollock Halls, Edinburgh on Thursday 24 November. Thank you to all 240 attendees who joined us from the Community Justice sector for the [launch](#) of the National Strategy for Community Justice, the Outcomes, Performance and Improvement Framework and the Guidance to the New Model – it was a great day, with a great attendance and a great vibe!

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*“Today marks the official launch of the National Strategy for Community Justice  
[#CJLaunch16](#) <http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2016/11/5600>” - @midCSJP*

*“We need to reconnect CJ and youth justice, that includes a greater link between GIRFEC  
and WSA that addresses welfare needs [#CJLaunch16](#)” - @RORPGFife*

*“. [@scotgov](#) National Strategy for Community Justice <http://bit.ly/2gjiMfZp> great to see  
strong focus on 3rd sector collaboration [#CJLaunch16](#)” - @BarnardosScot*

*“[#cjlaunch16](#) Inspirational opening from Karen McCluskey and Kim highlighting need for  
change and bravery to drive forward.” - @annod\_725*

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## Keynote Speakers

There was a broad range of speakers at the event, ranging from inspirational speeches for the future of community justice in Scotland to personal accounts from those who have experienced the justice system first hand.

**Linda Pollock**, Deputy Director of Community Justice at the Scottish Government, welcomed attendees, introduced the speakers and chaired the panel Q and A session.

She introduced **Karyn McCluskey**, Chief Executive of Community Justice Scotland. For the last decade Karyn has been the Director of the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit (VRU), which proposed a different way of addressing violence in Scotland. Karyn spoke powerfully about the need for prevention to be at the forefront in the new strategy.

*“Encouraging words from Community Justice Scotland's Karyn McCluskey! prevention and innovation [#CJLaunch16](#)” - @CJVSF*

**Kim** is a Support Worker for Addaction. She spoke passionately (and at short notice!)

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about her lived experienced of the criminal justice system, and reflected on her own journey.

*“Kim - I'm free, I'm happy, I am success - powerful [#cjlaunch16](#)” - @nironside44*

**Arlene A. Stuart** is Head of the Community Justice Operational Unit in the Scottish Government. Her current role includes leading a major reform programme for Justice, whilst also overseeing funding and effective practice for Community Justice. Arlene introduced the National Strategy and the OPI framework.

After lunch, **Byron Vincent** was introduced. Byron is a writer, performer and broadcaster known predominantly for his theatre and spoken word performances and his work on BBC Radio 4. Byron charted his own life path from, in his words, 'scumbag' to 'middle class', along the way highlighting the factors and circumstances that led to his involvement in offending, his homelessness and drug use. Most pertinently, he highlighted how the local culture on the housing estate where he lived significantly shaped the choices he faced and the decisions he made. <http://www.byronvincent.com/>

*“Byron - when you grow up poor in a place labelled with negative stereotypes, life is a series of signifiers that reinforce that [#cjlaunch16](#)” - @nironside44*



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## Stands and Workshops

We enjoyed a number of interactive stands from a variety of partners and workshop sessions which focused in on topics including mental illness and learning disabilities in the

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criminal justice system; through-care support; and the Outcomes, Performance and Improvement Framework. This gave delegates the opportunity to drill down into specific issues and for positive two way exchanges of views and discussion. The links to all the presentations will be uploaded to the [Community Justice Redesign: Scotland Knowledge Hub](#) in due course.

A big thank you to all those who set up a stand for the day or led a workshop – these were all very well received!

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*“Really interesting Housing First workshop from [@turningpointscot](#)! Definitely a place in the community justice landscape [#CJLaunch16](#)” - [@CJVsf](#)*

*“At workshop by Centre for Youth and Criminal Justice [@CYCJScotland](#) [#edinburghstudy](#) [#CJLaunch16pic.twitter.com/dm3o2i4SjD](#)” - [@CircleScot](#)*



## Panel Q&A

A panel of experts then took questions from the audience and provided their personal insight into what the challenges, opportunities and success will look like in the new world of community justice. Thank you to those who sat on our panel:

**Anil Gupta** – COSLA

**Teresa Medhurst** – Scottish Prison Service

**Paul Carberry** – Criminal Justice Voluntary Sector Forum and National Strategy Steering Group

**Catherine Bisset** – Scottish Government and OPI Framework Steering Group

**Kim** – Addaction

**Sean McKendrick** – Social Work Scotland

**Alan Staff** – Criminal Justice Voluntary Sector Forum



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**THANK YOU AND FEEDBACK**

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This event also recognised the great deal of work that partners and stakeholders are carrying out together to ensure a smooth and successful transition to the new model.

We hope you found the event valuable as we transition to the New Model for Community Justice - please let us know what you thought of the National Event by taking 5 minutes to complete our survey of the day here: <https://comjusscot.typeform.com/to/BLFhHq>

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## Resources

The National Strategy, OPI Framework and Guidance documents, which will support the new model, can be found at [www.gov.scot/communityjusticestrategy](http://www.gov.scot/communityjusticestrategy) (scroll down to the 'related publications' section for the OPI Framework and Guidance document). Thank you to all our partners who sat on the National Strategy, the Outcomes, Performance and Accountability and the Guidance steering groups who played a fundamental role in producing these. Taken together, these documents set out our collective vision for a progressive community justice framework in Scotland and provides partners and stakeholders with the Framework that will help them to deliver success.

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## What's next?

### Community Justice Scotland

Over the coming months, Community Justice Scotland will be setting up their office in Saughton House, Edinburgh and will be recruiting staff before going live on 1 April 2017.

Until then, Chair of the Community Justice Scotland Board, Jean Couper CBE, and Chief Executive, Karyn McCluskey, are keen to use this time listening to the experiences of those with lived experience of the criminal justice system, communities and stakeholders. If you wish to send in any invites, please send them to [communityjusticescotland@gov.scot](mailto:communityjusticescotland@gov.scot).

Community Justice Scotland also look forward to being consulted on draft Community

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Justice Outcome Improvement Plans (CJOIPs) by local partners as part of their statutory consultation process on draft CJOIPs.

Much has been achieved in a short timescale and local coordinators are working with statutory partners and other stakeholders to complete and submit the CJOIPs to Community Justice Scotland by 31 March 2017. CJOIPs should be sent to the email address above.

**Current job vacancies for Community Justice Scotland:**

**Director of Operations** - closing date 16 December

<http://www.s1jobs.com/job/executive-management/edinburgh/640125695.html>

**Communications Manager** - closing date 16 December

<http://www.s1jobs.com/job/executive-management/edinburgh/640134765.html>

**Senior Improvement Analyst** - closing date 16 December

<http://www.s1jobs.com/job/executive-management/edinburgh/640515173.html>

**Head of Learning & Development and Innovation** - closing date 21 December

<http://www.s1jobs.com/job/executive-management/edinburgh/640537540.html>

**Administration and Finance Officer** - closing date 16 December

<http://www.s1jobs.com/job/admin-secretarial-pa/edinburgh/640516169.html>

**Social Work Advisor** - closing date 16 December

<http://www.s1jobs.com/job/social-services-housing-childcare/adult-social-work/edinburgh/640515166.html>

**Head of Analysis and Improvement** - closing date 16 December

<http://www.s1jobs.com/job/executive-management/edinburgh/640514788.html>

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## Useful Links

[National Strategy for Community Justice](#)

[Outcomes, Improvement and Performance Framework](#)

[Guidance for Local Partners in the New Model for Community Justice](#)

[New Model for Community Justice - An Overview](#)

[New Model for Community Justice - Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Community Justice Redesign: Scotland - Knowledge Hub](#)

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